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The Honorable Jacob Seidenberg Executive Director The President's Committee on Government Contracts Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Seidenberg:

Thank you for the information contained in your letter of June 25, 1957, concerning the establishment of a regional office in Chicago.

It is noted that this procedure anticipates that a contracting agency's field office will start investigating a complaint as soon as it has received the informational copy from the Chicago Regional Office. Since this Agency does not have contracting field offices, it would appear desirable to advise you of this fact so that other means of accomplishing your purpose may be arranged.

Since our procuring activities are not as large or diverse as those of some other Departments, our purchasing organization is so organized that prompt action can be taken at our Washington head-quarters. Thus, should a pertinent occasion arise, please direct complaints of this type to this Agency, attention of the Director of Logistics. Then, if necessary, a representative of this Agency can immediately make a personal visit to the contractor's plant to investigate the matter.

Please be assured of our continued cooperation in accomplishing your objectives.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) H. Gates Lleyd

H. Gates Lloyd Acting Deputy Director

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